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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 8438

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT NIACT IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY ATHENS

AMCONSUL KARACHI

C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 4332

STATE FOR A/SY

BIEURT AND AMMAN FOR RSO

ATHENS FOR RSO/OIC TSO

KARACHI FOR RSS

E.O. 11652C GDS

TAGS: ASEC, ATRN, ASUP, APER, SY

SUBJECT: SY VEHICLES FOR BEIRUT

REF: A. BEIRUT 5873

B. BEIRUT 5877

1. OPTION 1 RPT 1 REFTEL A IS BEST PLAN IN OUR OPINION. RECOMMEND
AIRCRAFT (C-141) REFUEL ATHENS PRIOR DEPARTURE FOR DAMASCUS. RECOMMEND

MORNING ARRIVAL DAMASCUS, OFFLOAD, AND DEPART ASAP SAME DAY AS CREW
ACCOMODATIONWOULD BE DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN.

2. IF OPTION 1 SELECTED REQUEST AIRCRAFT FLIGHT DATA BE IMMEDIATE CABLE

SO WE CAN COMMENCE AIRCRAFT CLEARANCE AND CUSTOMS PROCEDURES SOONEST.

3. FOR BEIRUT: DAMASCUS WILL SEND ONE VEHICLE WITH FRENCH CONVOY
THURSDAY, JULY 8. ALSO IF HHE MENTIONED REFTEL A PARA 6 CAN BE
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EXPEDITED TO DAMASCUS, THEY COULD BE LOADED ON C-141 BRINGING

VEHICLES.

4. EMBASSY DAMASCUS WILL PUSH SY VEHICLES THROUGH TO BEIRUT AS SOON AS CONDITIONS PERMIT AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL IN DAMASCUS. WE WILL COORDINATE WITH SYRIANS TO GET LETTER OF SAFE PASSAGE AS FAR ALONG ROUTE AS SYRIANS CONTROL. PRESUME THAT EMBASSY BEIRUT WILL BE ABLE MAKE PARALLEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR REMAINDER OF ROUTE.

5. WE ALSO COORDINATING WITH FRENCH EMBASSY DAMASCUS FOR INCLUSION OF OUR VEHICLE IN THEIR CONVOY ON THURSDAY JULY 8.
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